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Wet/Dry referendum proposed to Elba City Council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday night the Elba City Council heard plans for a wet-dry referendum in Elba. The announced purpose of the drive to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits is to raise revenue for the financially strapped local school system. The local schools have suffered from declining enrollment following the two major floods that hit the area. Add to

this the continuing increases in the cost of locally funded teacher units (they automatically group every time the state legislature approves a teacher pay raise). Several economic shocks that hit the local economy (lay offs, business closings, recession, etc.) have cut into the amount of local taxes available to the schools. Then with the system already under the constraints, the entire Alabama education system was slapped

with a 6 percent funding proration last year. The combination of the above problems have hurt the local school system badly, and there are more hits to come in the next fiscal year as the enrollment drop will cost the system more state paid teacher units. Local businessman Daniel Stephens addressed the council with the idea and wanted a resolution from the city fathers that if such an election was held

and if the proposal passed, any and all taxes received from the sale of alcoholic beverages would go directly to the school system. Stephens said he and others concerned with the school wanted to be able to honestly tell those signing the petition calling for an election that they were supporting more money for the schools. He added they had looked at a property tax, but even with the most successful drive to increase property tax, no money would get to the schools for two full years.

Stephens is a member of a self-appointed, volunteer group of six and sometimes eight local citizens who have been meeting together for several months researching various methods of increasing local support of the

Elba schools. Even though he is a member of the school board, Stephens said he was not speaking as a school board member and was the only member of the committee who happened to also be directly associated with the schools. The city council tabled the

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Elba BOE members receive positive financial statement

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board on Thursday evening, March 21, heard Superintendent Danny Weeks say he is, "very pleased with the financial statement this month." He went on to predict that recent belt-tightening actions will get the schools through the year in the black and

may even help pay off some of the back debt. Weeks qualified that statement with, "if we can avoid proration again this year." School board members have spent much time discussing various ways to cut expenses and maintain the quality school system that now exists. Their discussions always include questions about upcoming years when expenses continue to rise and state teacher money drops due to lower enrollment.

Weeks said they planned to give pay checks early this week (AEA holiday week) as a reward to the staff for a job well done. The schools suffered about \$3,600 in storm damage recently, mostly roof shingles torn loose. The damage was insured, but with a \$500 deductible. Board members heard Welding instructor Bruce Sasser explain the workings of his program. He showed photographs of completed projects and urged board members to look over the big truck the department recently got through MacArthur Tech and remodeled. He added that the department is 90 percent self-supporting by selling fish cookers, BBQ grills, small trailers and other welding projects the students build as part of their training. There are presently 38 students in the program.

Weeks reported there is little interest within the staff for a retirement incentive proposal and recommended the board table the idea. Such a plan would pay career teachers who are eligible to retire an extra three to five thousand dollars to go ahead and retire this year rather than next year. The theory was that during a downsizing it is better for that teacher to retire now than to be forced to release a good young teacher who might have another job by the time the schools were again hiring replacements.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to allow Charlie Webb to continue his work with the project and find a solution for the county's emergency medical service. His motion received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, and it was approved by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Stephens revisited an issue voted on by the commission during its previous meeting by bringing to light a new aspect concerning the com-

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Commission renews MDI's contract for one more year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission found itself Monday morning, Mar. 25, faced with the possibility of having to find a new medical emergency service provider as the current contract is nearing expiration. Commission chairman Tom Grimsley informed the members that the current contract with Coffee County EMS of Elba to provide emergency medical service to the residents of Coffee County will end April 30, and he said representatives from the company have indicated they will no longer be able to continue the service.

EMS states they are losing over \$4,000 per month because of low call numbers," said Charlie Webb, the Coffee County E-911 board director. Grimsley said Webb was helpful in negotiating the current contract with Coffee County EMS, and he has agreed to help the county as it looks at options now. Webb said he has spoken with representatives from Coffee County EMS as well as other emergency medical service contractors. He said he is trying to get people interested in taking this project over and prevent the county from having to operate

without an emergency medical service provider. Webb said looking at some of last year's figures provided by Coffee County EMS, 58 percent of the medical service calls over a three month period were from the county and 40 percent of those calls were for individuals who did not have insurance. He said this has created a low collection rate for EMS, and the company representatives feel the business will eventually go bankrupt if they continue the service without a better contract. Webb said the City of Elba is also having to look at its contract service with Coffee County EMS, and he has been working with Elba Mayor James Grimes on this project.

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Local youth await visit from the Easter Bunny



As the Easter holiday arrives this weekend, the youth of Elba and Coffee County are eagerly awaiting that yearly visit from the Easter Bunny. As is the case every year, the holiday will be a celebration of fun and faith as both the young and young at heart participate with the many scheduled events. Sunrise service events and Easter egg hunts are scheduled throughout the weekend and more details are available on the church page in this edition of the paper. Already, the children of The Young World of Learning in Elba have participated in an Easter Egg Hunt. Now, the children are more excited than ever as they anticipate the Easter Bunny's visit and wonder what goodies he will leave this year. The children and staff of the daycare center are pictured above (seated left to right) - Tristen Tindell, Terrea Hammonds, Matthew Morris, Aaron Norris, Gabriel Williams, Ms. Ronda Robinson, Isaac Watkins, Christen Norris, Brooklyn Norris, Alyssa Horstead, Tanner Herrington; (standing left to right) - Braxton Robinson, Nicholas Johnson, Peyton Wilkerson, Ms. Peggy Carpenter, Talon Flowers, Breannah Adkinson, Madelyn Kelley, Ms. Jean Boggan, Millicent Nolin, Kendall Wilkerson and Chase Nelson.

White running for Alabama Senate's District 31 seat

Greg White of Covington County announced his candidacy this week for the Alabama Senate's District 31 seat, which Covington County, Coffee County and portions of Dale and Houston counties.

White, chairman of the Covington County Commission and a Republican, is seeking the GOP nomination in the June primary election. "I want to see an end to 'business as usual' in Montgomery," White said. "I believe the people of the Wiregrass want a Senate that is pro-family and pro-business."

He said the citizens want their education funds to be spent wisely and apportioned fairly between K-12 and higher education, and they want the problem

of proration to be fixed. "Change is coming in those areas and others," he said. "I want to be a part of these changes, and I want the people of District 31 to benefit."

As a pro-family candidate, White said he will work tirelessly to provide for the needs of all of Alabama's families. Like President Bush, he said he considers himself a compassionate conservative.

"I strongly believe that there are a lot of truly needy kids in Alabama and their needs must be addressed," he said. "But, equally important, these kids must be led to take advantage of the opportunities we can provide for them."

Noting that a solid education is essential in giving young

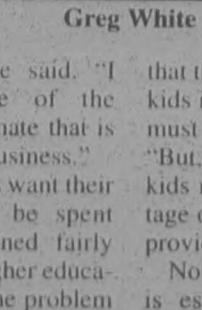
Alabama the tools for success in life, White said, "I will support our schools with everything in me by working to solve funding problems, to improve accountability to the taxpayers and to fairly compensate the teachers who work hard to serve our kids."

"We have to find a way to end the divisive and unnecessary battles over adequately funding our public-education classrooms. I believe that changing our budget process and setting aside a 'rainy day fund' for our schools will effectively end the looming year-to-year threats of state funding cuts," White said.

"We must budget in a way that prevents proration and gets more dollars directly into classrooms. When education's accountability to the taxpayers is improved, the public will respond favorably when our educators have needs."

Noting that a solid education is essential in giving young

Greg White



Everett files papers seeking re-election to Alabama's Second Congressional District

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Enterprise, has filed papers to seek re-election to Alabama's Second Congressional District.

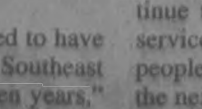
Upon qualifying, Congressman Everett said he would like to keep his key House committee assignments and seniority for the Second District.

"I am deeply honored to have served the citizens of Southeast Alabama for the last ten years,"

Everett said. "I have used this time of service to build seniority where it counts most for our district on the House Armed Services, Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs committees. Accordingly, I have worked to protect and enhance local defense and agriculture jobs and stood up for proper health care and benefits for our veterans."

Everett said he wishes to continue to build on his record of service and hard work for the people of the Second District in the next Congress.

Terry Everett



Helms announces bid for C.C. Revenue Commissioner

Enterprise farmer and businessman Robert W. Helms this week declared his Democratic candidacy for Revenue Commissioner of Coffee County. Helms is a native of Coffee County, and grew up on the diversified farm in the Mt. Pleasant community south of Enterprise his family still calls home. In December of 1978 he married Sonja Lewis. She is a Speech Pathologist/Early

Childhood Special Education teacher employed with the Enterprise City Schools since 1996. Before transferring to Enterprise, Sonja worked with the Elba City Schools for 17 years as a Speech Pathologist. Their two daughters are both students of Auburn University. Sally is in her second year majoring in Accounting, and Penny is a freshman majoring in Exercise Science. Helms is more commonly known by friends and family as "Bob".

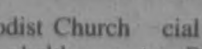
Helms and his family are active members of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise. He has held many leadership positions in their church, and has taught an adult Sunday School for the past 12 years. Helms attended Auburn University, and graduated with honors from Enterprise State Junior College with an associate degree in computer information science. In 1991, he graduated from Class III of Alabama's Ag

& Forestry LEADERS Program. He began farming in 1974. From 1975 through 1990 Helms farmed in partnership with his father, the late Ben W. Helms. During the early years, their business was based upon a large herd of commercial cattle, and between 300 to 400 acres of row crops. After dissolving the partnership in 1990, Bob's farming emphasis changed to fewer cattle and more land in cultivation. Currently, he manages a 2,000 acre farm with three employees. It consists of 1,100 acres of crops, and a small herd of 120 commercial beef cattle.

Bob is involved with many different organizations, and has held leadership positions in most of them over the past 20 years. In 1997, after years of involvement on the county level, he had the privilege to serve as President of the Alabama Cattlemen's

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Robert W. Helms



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Politics are warming up a bit more in Coffee County. The political hopefuls and/or their supporters are moving around more openly and making more political type noises. This sort of thing normally precedes the down-and-out hard politicking that goes right on up to election day. A fact which will seem odd to many of us as the primaries draw near is that even though there are opponents in a race, they may not butt heads at all in the primary and thus will be spending very little time on the handshaking circuit. This is because there may be only one Democrat and one Republican seeking the office and they will want to time their respective campaign(s) to climax for the November General Election. A number of our Coffee County political races are shaping up to fit that description.

This promises to be an even more exciting time in old Elba, Alabama as the prospects grow for a wet dry vote in the city this summer. Such a vote is always emotional in any town and with the Elba folks love for getting deeply involved in any election issue, this will be no exception. We have survived two such voted in Elba, both which were narrowly won by the NO side. The pros and cons on the matter are well known and rarely change from one election to another, so this part of the issue is very predictable. The only real variations are the names of the major players, which change as people move in and out, and others die or lose interest. There are also some who voted one way last time but have had a change of heart and will vote the other way this time around. It will take an actual vote count to know which pile is the largest...predicting is...well it is just guessing with a 50-50 chance of being right.

Medical research continues to make major breakthroughs that will help individuals have longer, more healthy lives. Well maybe that is true...it seems at times that people are saved from one illness, only to be thrust into the jaws of another, even more painful sickness. Anyway, we were a bit excited but hesitant at the recent announcement of a blood test to detect the early onset of Alzheimer's. Our first reaction is that it would remove these thoughts of "Why did I forget that guy's name? Have I got Alzheimer's?" Then it occurred that the test might confirm, "Yep, and it is getting worse." That would be tough to live with. Our Mother (her older brother and now a younger sister) suffered with this stuff and at her better times Mother knew what was happening and that it was going to get even worse...it did. On the positive side, they already know some things that slow or even arrest this mind destroying disease. Thus, if a person tests positive as a potential victim, a more aggressive treatment program would be justified and very much in order, extending the quality life of another human.

Alabama voters apparently will not be debating a vote on a constitutional convention this year. The Alabama legislature in its infinite wisdom has tabled any legislative action that would have put some form of this idea on the November General Election ballot for Alabamians to voice their opinions.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 18, 2002, through March 24, 2002. They were: Wayne Singleton, Lena Fuller, Mary Dawson, Randall Crawford, Barbara Dennis, Ruby Edwards, Jane Brown, Crystal Johnson, Jewel Kate Youngblood, Mike New, Jimmie Belcher and Lewis

Stutley. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Rita Rushing, Ella Calloway, Linda Bryant, Dewayne Rushing, Ruby Edwards, Mary Dawson, Crystal Johnson, Randall Crawford, Jewel Youngblood, Barbara Dennis, Wayne Singleton, Mike New, Lena Fuller and Jane Brown.

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A Friday to remember...Guest Editorial by Michael J. Brooks

The wind in my face was bitterly cold in downtown Dallas a few years ago. My continuing education classes had ended at the seminary in nearby Ft. Worth, so the afternoon was free for some sight-seeing.

A chill came over me independent of the temperature when I walked onto Dealey Plaza and saw firsthand those sights emblazoned in my memory. Elm Street, the triple overpass, and the sixth floor

window. I thought back to that terrible Friday in November, 1963. My class had not been long back from lunch when Mr. Vines, our principal, made his announcement on the intercom. "Boys and girls," he said, "some of you may've heard already that our President's been shot. Let's try to finish out the day in school and I'll let you know the latest news when I hear more."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 18, 2002, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, two for driving under the influence, two for public intoxication, one forger, one counterfeiting, one criminal mischief, two for burglary, one dog bite, one harassment, two for domestic violence, one barking dogs, one unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one vehicle fire, one possession of marijuana, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia and one warrant.

The following arrests were made: one for harassing communications, one for public intoxication, one for harassment, seven for failure to appear, one for domestic violence, one for criminal mischief, one for driving under the influence, one for burglary and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for speeding, three for driver's license suspended, one for an expired driver's license, three for no proof of insurance, one for running a red light, one for no insurance, one for a revoked driver's license and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MARCH 18: River stage - 8.13 feet (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Elba Senior Citizen Center building (10:45 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 36 County Rd. 242 (12:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 36 County 242 (12:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1251 Jones Circle (3:56 p.m.); Fight in progress reported in the Family Dollar parking lot (8:34 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1409

Smith Ave. (8:38 p.m.).
TUESDAY, MARCH 19: River stage - 7.71 feet (6:15 a.m.); Disturbance reported at the park in Mulberry Heights (1:51 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20: River stage - 7.48 feet (6:03 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1525 Edgewood (9:13 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Kelly's Bar-B-Q (10:3 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1411 Smith Ave. (11:12 p.m.); Alarm activated at Fred's Dollar Store (11:56 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 21: River stage - 7.46 feet (6:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1409 Jones St. (10:22 a.m.); Possible disturbance reported at 209 Plant Ave. (8:23 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 22: River stage - 8.69 feet (6:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 134 E (1:42 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire on County Rd. 404 (5:31 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported at Lot 4 of Brunson Trailer Park (10:18 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 23: River stage - 9.70 feet (6:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1403 Smith Ave. (1:06 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24: River stage - 9.71 feet (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 16812 Hwy. 134 (9:33 a.m.); Routine activity.

Nevertheless, the senseless death of President Kennedy so paralyzed us that I don't remember our doing much work in school that Friday afternoon. I remember being glued to the television throughout the weekend and during the funeral on Monday.

That Friday in November will live in the bad memory section of my brain forever. This week the world remembers another bleak Friday, on which Jesus of Nazareth was murdered. His death was senseless, too, for he'd done no wrong. In fact, bribed witnesses had to be brought in to lie about him at his trial. One of the thieves who died with him realized Jesus' innocence.

"We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong" (Luke 23:41).

Richard Jeffries wrote of a little boy who believed God was absent that day. Gazing at a graphic painting of Calvary, the lad exclaimed, "If God

Michael J. Brooks is an assistant professor of communications at Judson College in Marion, Ala.

Government awards \$82,240 to promote traffic safety in Southeast Alabama

Governor Don Siegelman awarded \$82,240 last week to Southeast Alabama Medical Center to reduce traffic-related injuries and save lives. Local matching funds of \$82,240 have been committed to the project. "Community education programs are an effective way to reduce traffic injuries and save lives," Siegelman said. "I am pleased to support this effort to promote better safety habits and make Alabama highways safer." The grant provides funds for a comprehensive community traffic safety program in the 12 county area comprised of Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell counties.

Southeast Alabama Medical Center currently provides public education programs at schools and health fairs. The programs address child safety, seat belt and child restraint usage, injury and trauma prevention and other safety issues. The funds will help the medical center to provide public education and safety information programs and coordinate with public safety agencies throughout the region to improve traffic safety.

Siegelman awarded the grant from funds made available to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Highway funds designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

March is Red Cross Month, a tradition that began in 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt first urged Americans to support the Red Cross. Since that time the Red Cross has grown and the scope of Red Cross Month has changed.

The American Red Cross Blood Services, Gulf Coast Region would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many volunteers, community partners, and employees who allow us to serve our communities right here in south Alabama and coastal Mississippi and the Florida panhandle.

The American Red Cross is a volunteer led organization. Without the faithful service of these dedicated people, the Red Cross could not function.

Our work of collecting and providing blood to Alabama, Florida and Mississippi hospitals would not be possible without the support of the many businesses and organizations that host and sponsor blood drives. Alabama's blood supply must constantly be replenished and these generous community partners help make that possible.

We also proudly celebrate the efforts of our employees whose work helps ensure blood is available each and every time it is needed. The business of saving lives and serving the public does not take a day off. Our employees work tirelessly so the Red Cross can touch more lives in new ways.

If you have not donated in the last six months, consider making an appointment to donate your life-saving blood. Rediscover how good it feels to help save lives. If you are a regular Red Cross blood donor, thank you. Your donation could save two lives.

As chairman of the American Red Cross Blood Services, Gulf Coast Region, I feel our area has much to be proud of. Through the American Red Cross, 90,000 units of blood were collected and provided to area hospitals last year. Because of the selfless giving by local residents who regularly donate blood to the Red Cross, the "Gift of Life" has given many of our friends, family and neighbors a second chance at life.

The generosity of our area shows through your support of the American Red Cross, it's true. Together, we can save a life.

Sincerely,
Charles Ratcliffe, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors
American Red Cross Blood Services
Gulf Coast Region

Dear Editor:

Lincoln said, "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis." The truth has never been more important to America, or to Alabama, than today. Because character counts, we need Bob Riley as Governor.

If Alabamians want to continue living in the muck and mire of cronism, patronage and corruption, we need to vote for Don Siegelman or Steve Windom. Siegelman brings new meaning to the refrain, "I've got friends in low places" while Windom, in a style reminiscent of Richard Nixon, assures us he's honest. We are asked to vote for him because his dog likes him. And the rest of the candidates? They can't tell us what they think or why they're running; they just want the job.

To the contrary, Bob Riley has a long history of hard work, ethical leadership and proven results. He will bring dedication and honesty back to the Governor's office. Those who serve in his administration will be held to the same high standards.

Isn't it time that something good happened in Alabama? Please join me in supporting Bob Riley, a man we'll be proud to call Governor.

Very truly yours,
Justice D. Smyth III
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Editor:

Crime in Alabama should be a top priority and it is much more so in this Governor's administration than it has ever been in any other administration in Alabama. If you have had your purse or wallet stolen, house or car broken into or a loved one murdered, you are a victim of crime.

Before this next governor's race gets into mud slinging, the people of Alabama need to know what Governor Siegelman has done for victims and their families. In all previous administrations, you could not call the Governor's office and find a Victims Service Officer to help you. Now you can. Victim's families have been able to talk to this administration. The Governor started a victim's conference last year and he has spoken at parole hearings on behalf of the victim. He has even given his personal money to help victim's families.

Do you want to go back to the days of excuse crime when former Governor Fob James committed the sentence of Judith Ann Neelley, whose conviction and sentence had been upheld through all of the state and federal appeals processes? Neelley was convicted of the kidnapping and murder of 13-year-old Lisa Ann Millican.

Neelley is now demanding parole. Will you sleep in the guest parlor? Who the Governor of Alabama is will make us all sleep better. Governor Siegelman fits Alabama perfectly.

Joyce Nottingham
Daleville, Ala.



The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, in downtown Elba. As an addition to this year's auction, there will be a separate auction called "Musical Chairs". The completed chairs will be on display at The Peoples Bank and SouthTrust Bank through Friday, April 5th. Interested persons will be able to bid on each chair by placing his or her bid on a form which will be attached to the chair. Bidding closes at 12 noon on Band Day, April 6, and new chairs are being added during the bidding. The different chairs to be bid upon include: porch and patio chairs, oak swing, vanity stools, children's chairs, antique stools, ladderbacks, desk chairs, and many more. Captured above is a small selection of the varying chairs available to bid on in the auction. For further information, please contact Rhonda Brunson at 897-3307 or Vickie Bailey at 897-3320.

Coffee County NAACP to host forum April 13

Coffee County NAACP #5017 will host a Candidate Forum, Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center, Enterprise, Ala. Any candidate seeking a political office, state, county, city, etc., regardless of their political party, is invited to come and present their platform to the public. This forum is to give the public a chance to meet and question candidates who will be seeking office in the June Primary. The public is urged to attend. For more information you may call, Mr. Tommy Haynes, President (334)393-6747 or Mrs. Glenda White, Secretary (334)308-9829.



Obituaries

BERTHA ROBINSON REECE

Mrs. Bertha Robinson Reece, age 89, died March 18, 2002. Funeral services were held March 21, 2002 at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. The burial followed at St. Beulah Cemetery in Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Reece was preceded in death by her husband, Lawyer Reece. She is survived by her special cousins: Ida R. Matrin, Southfield, Mich.; Bonnie Holmes (Leslie) and Mary Alice Reece, both of Enterprise; and several other relatives and friends.

PANSY BOSWELL BUSH

Mrs. Pansy Boswell Bush, age 84, of Niceville, Fla., died March 12, 2002 in a Niceville hospital. Funeral services were held March 14, 2002 at First Baptist Church of Niceville. Survivors include her husband, Dennis Bush Sr., one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deborah Bush, one granddaughter: Falan Morphis; four brothers: Harry Boswell, Enterprise, James Boswell, Montgomery, Gerald Boswell, Elba, Sam Boswell, Enterprise, three sisters: Helen Boswell Smith, Shelby Jean Boswell Christiansen, both of Ft. Walton, Fla.; Mary Lou Boswell Hutchison, Niceville, Fla.

FRANCES SMITH CARROLL

Frances Smith Carroll, age 82, of Troy, Ala., died March 20, 2002. Funeral services were held March 22, 2002 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Otis Derrah officiating. The burial followed at Green Hills Memorial Park in Troy with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing. Survivors include two daughters: Dorothy (Nelson) Whitehurst, Elba, Linda (Joel) Amos, Troy; one son: W. Wilson (Sandra) Carroll, Troy; two sisters: Ruby Berry, Abbeville, Ala.; Emily Owen, Jacksonville, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

SANDERS FAMILY

The family of James Sanders would like to thank everyone for the kindness and comfort shown to us during the recent sickness and death of our loved one. Thank you for the food, flowers and prayers. Each and every act of kindness is deeply appreciated.

The James Sanders Family 3/28pd.

FULLER FAMILY

Mrs. Lena Fuller and family would like to thank the staff of Elba General Hospital and Dr. Cochran for the kindness and care given to Mrs. Fuller during her recent stay at the hospital. She is home and doing better. God bless each of you. Lena Fuller & family 3/28-ltc

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Infirmities-Part 2.....

2 Cor. 12:7-10

In this passage of scripture, Paul relates to us his blissful fellowship with God. He states he was caught up into paradise or the third heaven. In this experience, he received revelations that he was neither able nor permitted to repeat, what he had heard or seen. To keep him from being exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh (an intense, wearying difficulty or affliction) from the messenger of Satan was given to buffet or bear him. This was a demonically instigated assault that God's providence clearly allowed, indicating God was the unseen agent overseeing the entire process that Paul might remain humble.

Amazingly, this thorn was never identified, but it caused Paul great consternation and ultimately served a good purpose. Whatever the case, it was a chronic and debilitating problem, which at times kept him from working. The thorn was a hindrance to his ministry and he prayed for its removal. Three times he called upon the Lord and besought Him about this and begged that it might depart from him but God refused to remove it.

We must also note that though God does not respond to Paul's repeated pleading that it might depart from him by removing it, there is no indication God is upset with Paul for so pleading. In fact, Jesus' answer in v.9 indicates God's concern to respond, howbeit differently than Paul had prayed. When Jesus responds differently than what we've asked of Him, it only means He takes ownership of our problems. He looks at the solution while many times we seek relief. He knows how to make everything work for our good.

Now look at Jesus' response. And he said unto me, My grace (My favor and loving kindness and mercy) is enough for you (sufficient) against any danger and enables you to bear trouble manfully; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in your weakness. In other words, admitting your infirmities (weaknesses, wearying difficulties, afflictions) affirms God's strength. It affirmed in Paul that whenever Satan buffets or beats him either directly as destructive adversity or indirectly as God's controlled agent to bring about character development, he can glory in his infirmities because Jesus' grace and strength will be sufficient to enable him to continue in his apostolic ministry. When you feel you can't take anymore, affirm or declare God's strength in your life. God's strength in your life brings glory to our infirmities.

Paul's attitude changed after he received his answer from Jesus. He says, therefore, I will all the more gladly in my weakness and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ may rest on me, may pitch a tent over and dwell upon me! So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak, in human strength, then am I truly strong, able, and powerful in divine strength. He knows recognizes that his strength is not sufficient to accomplish God's purpose in his life. He must now affirm God's strength for his every weakness.

There are times in ministry when we endeavor to do nothing but the perfect will of God, but we meet such great oppositions. We pray and ask God to remove the hindrance, to no avail. We become discouraged, faint-hearted, and on the verge of giving up. We even ask ourselves, "Why is it such a struggle to do what God has placed in my heart?"

First, we must recognize the anointing God has given us to accomplish His purpose. With the anointing God has given power and strength. When we try to operate in human strength, we become weak and frail. We can't do it without His strength.

Secondly, as with Paul, many of the revelations God has given us are so powerful that if He did not use "a means of control" over our lives, we would boast and bring glory to ourselves. God will share His glory with no one. So He permits the enemy to buffet us to keep us humble.

Lastly, have you ever noticed that whenever there is trouble in your life you always look to God for help. God wants us to be totally dependent upon Him and totally independent upon ourselves.

It's high time for the people of God to admit their weakness, understand why they are there and affirm God's strength in our lives. Let's take Paul's attitude, after he had an understanding; therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak in human strength, then I am truly strong, able, and powerful in divine strength. Know that God is overseeing the entire process that you may remain humble.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: Mark 16:1-19

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Rev. Mose Rodgers, Butus Tillis, Sr., Rev. N.R. Robinson, The Reece family, Vick E. Lindsey, Beulah Horstead, Wallace Belcher, Carrie Bell Farrel, Mary Alice Pierce, Rev. J.M. Bryant, Maggie Bryant, Lawrence Bryant, Ernestine Kelley, Evelyn Manning and John E. Folmar.

***Goshen First Baptist Church of Goshen, Ala. is holding their Annual Youth Day and Revival on Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. and the revival at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 8-10, 2002 the revival will be held at 7:30 p.m.

***The 14th Anniversary of the Singing Echoes from New Brockton, Ala. will be held Saturday, April 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Traveling Stars from Opp, Ala. at the Singing Building in Elba (Danley's Cross Rd.) and Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center in Enterprise, Ala. featuring the Gospel Navigators from Opelika, Ala. Jackie Lee, Ronald Haynes and the Angels; The Voices of Harmony: Johnny Green and the Messengers.

Special guest will be Rev. Charles Davis of Clayton, Ala. ***Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., will celebrate the 16th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. W.L. Patterson on April 7, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ernest Green, pastor of Boughanna, M.B. Church, of Hayneville, Ala.

***Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate Musicians Appreciation on Sunday, March 31, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

***New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. of Elba, Ala. will hold their Annual Choir Night on Saturday, April 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

***The ministers, deacons and laymen of the Enterprise Civic Missionary Baptist District will meet with the Friendship M.B. Church in Glenwood, Ala. on March 31, 2002 at 9:45 a.m.

***By the Way of the Cross" will be presented March 29-31, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at West View Baptist Church (1304 North Main Street, Opp, Ala.) Nursery provided call 493-6467.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

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Shiloh Baptist Church to host Easter Egg Hunt & Sunrise Service

Shiloh Baptist Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon March 30 at 2:00 p.m. Sunrise service will be held Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 a.m. at the church. Breakfast will follow after the service.

"Passion Play" to be held at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church on March 31

Mount Vernon Assembly of God Church is holding a "Passion Play". A live dramatization of the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Performances will be held Saturday, March 30 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 31 at 10:45 a.m. Mount Vernon is located on Highway 189 about 6 miles past Elba Hospital. Turn right onto County Road 330. The church is located 2 miles ahead on left.

Westside Baptist Church will hold an Easter Celebration for children March 30

On Saturday, March 30, 2002, through sixth grade. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 12:00 noon.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

Just how long did Jesus remain in the grave?

Christ predicted that He would be raised from the dead "the third day" (Matthew 16:21). However, He also declared that He would rise "after three days" (Mark 8:31). To complicate the seeming difficulty, Jesus further stated that He would be in the grave "three days and three nights" (Matthew 12:40). These references, which some see as disharmonious, puzzle sincere Bible students. What is the explanation?

The solution lies in understanding how the Jews measured time. According to a common Hebrew idiom, any part of the day could be counted as the whole day and night of *John 1:1* (Exposition Commentary on the New Testament from the Talmud & Hebrews II, pp. 210-211). There are many examples of such usage in the Scriptures.

(1) "The ram of the flood was upon the earth forty days and forty nights," or "forty days" (Genesis 7:12, 17).

(2) "In 1 Samuel 30:12, 13, 'three days and three nights' and 'three days' are equivalent expressions."

(3) When Israel asked Rehoboam to lighten its burdens, he said, "Depart ye for three days, then come again to me." They returned on "the third day" (cf. 1 Kings 12:5, 12).

(4) When Esther was about to risk entrance into the king's presence, she requested her fellow Jews to neither "eat nor drink three days" (Esther 4:16, 5:4).

(5) Finally, note this. The Pharisees said to Pilate, "This deceiveth said while he was yet alive, after three days I will rise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day" (Matthew 27:63, 64).

One must understand, therefore, how the Israelites computed time. Our Lord did not contradict Himself! Is it not significant that no Jew ever accused Him of such in connection with His resurrection prophecies?

Wayne Jackson

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P. O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36623. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2002 for times of service.

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SCHOOLS

EHS students warned of GHB and other assault drugs

by Katie Grimes

On Wednesday, March 20, female students in 7-12 grades attended an assembly on the dangers of GHB, Rohypnol and other drugs that are reported as increasingly being used in acts of sexual assault. With the arrival of spring break, the use of caution and discretion is imperative for young girls' sake.

Three new drugs have received recent attention regarding sexual assault. Rohypnol (flunitrazepam), GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate) and GBL (which metabolizes to GHB in the body). These drugs are not new, but use of them has increased in the late 1990s. Concerns include several serious risks, including abuse of the drugs, risk of overdose-related injury or death, and due to the drugs' ability to dissolve rapidly in a liquid, their use in committing sexual assault.

Rohypnol has profound sedative effects, such as delayed reactions, amnesia, relaxation of muscles and sleep. Fatal overdoses have occurred. It is used with another depressant such as alcohol. The drug may also cause

psychotic episodes and seizures. GHB increases heart rate, causes visual disturbances and may be responsible for severe respiratory depression that can lead to coma and death. In terms of potential lethality, GHB is not unlike crack cocaine. Given the variability in purity and concentration, a single dose may be fatal.

To reduce the risks of being victims of drug-assisted sexual assault, the girls were given advice on precaution as to take while in social situations. Girls (and guys) should never leave drinks unattended; it takes only a matter of seconds for someone to slip a drug into an unattended drink. They should also never accept a beverage from anyone they do not trust, and as an extra safety measure, should possibly not accept drinks even from those they do trust.

If you suspect someone of being given GHB, GBL, or Rohypnol, obtain emergency medical assistance immediately. Although there is no anecdote for these drugs, the victim will be monitored and proper law enforcement officials will be contacted.



EHS teacher Julie Norris speaks to the female students concerning several assault drugs. All EHS students were urged to take extra precautions during the Spring Break holiday to assure their safety.

Elba Elementary School Menu April 1 - 5, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Trail Mix, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Butter Beans, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuits & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Pop-Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Bar-B-Q Chicken, Rice, Black-eyed Peas, Bread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

EHS Band Day pageant set for April 5

The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, in downtown Elba. Several events have been planned as part of the Band Day celebration and will be held prior to April 6. One such event is the annual Band Day Pageant which will be held Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium.

There will be four categories in the pageant including: Tiny Miss (K-2nd grade), Little Miss (3rd-5th grade), Jr. Miss (6th-8th grade), and Miss (9th-12th grade). Those entered in the Tiny Miss and Little Miss categories will be asked to wear a Sunday dress for the pageant, and those entered in the Jr. Miss and Miss categories will be asked to wear a formal dress.

A practice session will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Melinda Lee at 897-2687 after 6 p.m.

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Jonathan Head

This week's faculty spotlight features the one and only Mrs. Pam Baker.

Mrs. Baker is a member of the 1968 Elba High graduating class, and since then has gone on to pursue a career at EHS as secretary/bookkeeper.

Before Mrs. Baker obtained her current vocation, she was an attendant of Enterprise State Junior College and Huntingdon College.

Outside of her school-related career, Mrs. Baker is the Elba United Methodist Church organist and has been for 35 years.

Away from the bright lights of Elba, Mrs. Baker is enter-



Pam Baker

tained by the sunsets that graze her window everyday at her residence in Curtis, but most importantly, she shares most of her time and love with her husband Kenneth and her two daughters Amy and Wyndi.

Here's to Mrs. Pam Baker, faculty spotlight of the week.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



DAMASCUS GETS NEW SENIOR CENTER. The Damascus Community recently celebrated the opening of a new senior citizen center. The new facility was constructed next to the community voting house, which also formally served as the senior center. The Damascus Senior Center was one of two new centers recently opened in Coffee County and another center is set to open soon in the Zion Chapel Community. Those helping the senior citizens of the Damascus Community celebrate the opening of the center included (from left): Senator Jimmy Hollis; Robbie Hudson, member of the Damascus Senior Center; Commissioner Robert Stephens; Margaret Waters, director of the Damascus Senior Center; Representative Terry Spicer; Frederick Hamilton, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; Commissioner Linda Westbrook; Robert Crowder, Commission on Aging; and Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

Folk life play to be presented in Brundidge

Submitted by Joann Treadwell
The Iron Messenger

A seed that was planted in Brundidge 10 years ago is finally bearing fruit. Several members of the community had a dream of a theater where local residents could put their talents and creativity on display. After years of thought and planning, the curtain will go up on the community theater.

The production of "Come Home, It's Supper Time" will be presented in the "We Piddle Around Theater" which is housed in the town's old city hall building, which was constructed in 1940 with Works Progress Administration (WPA) funds. The program was dubbed "We Piddle Around" and makes an appropriate, and historically based, name for the community theater.

Tickets for the upcoming folk-life play in Brundidge, "Come Home, It's Supper Time" are now on sale.

Play dates are April 5, 6, 12 and 13 for the premier performances of the "We Piddle Around Theater." Tickets include "Supper" and the folk-life play.

"We will have seating for 100 at each of the four performances," said Dinah Kelsey, ticket committee co-chair. "We hope that each performance will be a sellout so we encourage everyone to get their tickets early."

Tickets will be available at First National Bank of Brundidge and by calling 566-7363 or 735-2044 or sending a check or money order to The Brundidge Historical Society P.O. Box 337, Brundidge, AL 36010 or 4386.

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Murdoch promoted to COO of The National Security Group

Mickey Murdoch has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for The National Security Group, Inc. As CFO, Brian has all the financial responsibilities for the Group as well as the Group subsidiaries, two property and casualty insurance companies and one life insurance company. These responsibilities involve management of the accounting functions including financial regulatory compliance with the various state and federal organizations including the SEC, management as a member of the investment committee, of the companies' investment portfolio that exceeds \$85 million, and man-

agement of the Data Processing, and Web Site Development functions. Also, Brian is currently in charge of the installation of a new life insurance company administration system and a new accounting software program. Since joining National Security in 1992, Brian has served in various capacities. Prior to his promotion, he was the controller of

(NSEC). Since joining National Security in 1970, Mickey has overseen financial aspects of the Company starting as a comptroller and treasurer before becoming the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President in 1982. He has been a member of its Board of Directors since 1975. Mickey, a CPA and a FLMI (Fellow of Life Management Institute), and wife Liz have three boys and one grandchild (also a boy). Mickey and Liz live in Elba and are active in the First Baptist Church as well as other community and civic organizations.

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the Group and subsidiary companies as well as secretary-treasurer of all the subsidiaries. Brian is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and a graduate of Troy State University with a degree in accounting and business administration. He and his wife, Virginia, have 3 children - 2 girls and a boy. They live in Jack Hebron Baptist Church. Brian is a member of the Elba Lions Club.

Brian McLeod

Stay Connected to Your Co-op

Don't miss the CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 4



CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1993 Plymouth Grand Voyager, to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2002 CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 4. Other major prizes include a 25-inch color TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$150 cash.

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Family Entertainment

The Inspirations of Bryson City, S.C., will entertain the crowd during this year's meeting. During their long career, the Inspirations have sold more than two million records, earning them a gold plaque from Canaan Records as the first gospel group to sell more than a million records for Canaan.

A local southern gospel group, Won by Faith, will also entertain members during the meeting. Their performance will precede the Inspirations.



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Stephanie Sasser

This week's EES faculty spotlight is shared by two faculty members.

Melissa Martin, McCormick is an EES librarian. She graduated from Elba High School and obtained social rehabilitation and psychology degrees at Troy State University. She was inspired to become involved with EES by her love of being around children of all ages, knowing that if she could help one child in any area, she would feel as if she had accomplished a small feat.

Mrs. McCormick is married to Jim McCormick. They have a 14-year-old daughter, Elena McCormick, and an 11-year-old son, Martin McCormick, who both attend Elba City Schools.

Mrs. McCormick's hobbies include watching her daughter and son play sports, reading, swimming, and visiting with her family and friends. An interesting fact about her is that she is employed at the same position as her mother, Elaine Martin, who was involved with EES for 28 years.

Mrs. McCormick believes in living each day to the fullest and trying to treat others as she would want to be treated. When Mrs. McCormick was asked what she would want to be if she could no longer be involved



Kathy Mulatz

with the EES, she said, "I would possibly try to get in my field that I went to college four years for, but I've always thought about going back to school and getting my teacher's degree, or library science degree."

She has been involved with special education, she said. When in school, I saw many students who had problems learning. In special ed, I can help those students.

Mrs. Mulatz is married to Rick Mulatz. They have two daughters, Melissa, who attends J.S.U., and Michelle, who attends a community college. Mrs. Mulatz's hobbies include computer work and watching her daughters play sports. An interesting fact about Mrs. Mulatz is that she has always been around girls.

She has three sisters, and now she has two daughters. If Mrs. Mulatz could no longer be involved with special education, she would like to be a computer analyst or possibly an archaeologist in the South.

She has been with the Elba City School system for 16 years.

EHS students encouraged to stay sober

by Gavin Mauldin

On Friday, March 22nd, the 9th-12th grade students learned the importance of not drinking and driving during spring break. Since many students love to ride down to the beach

during AEA, Principal Mike Williams approached Mr. Karl Bledsoe, the drivers-ed teacher at EHS, and asked him to present an assembly to the driving population of students at EHS, not just his drivers-ed class.

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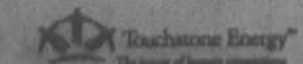
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I don't know if my girls are the cleanest teenagers in Elba, but they certainly must be the dullest. They both take showers when they get home from ball games and then again in the mornings, and every time I walk into their bathroom there are towels hanging on the shower curtain, on the doors, in the tub and sometimes even some to be found in the laundry basket. I can understand drying your hair with a different towel, but it seems to me that washing four or five loads of towels every week is a bit much for a family of four. At least I have an early idea of what to get 'em for Christmas.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** The Elba Tigers closed out the pre-spring break portion of their baseball schedule last week with two losses as their record slipped to 5-3. The Tigers were riding a five-game winning streak heading into games against Straughn and Opp, only to fall to Straughn for the second time this season, and then see a late rally fall short in a tough road loss to the Bobcats. While a 5-3 record isn't bad, the Tigers have yet to play an area opponent, and must solve some problems on defense if they hope to continue winning and make a trip to the state playoffs. Elba appears to be solid on the mound and has hit the ball well, but at the same time has made errors on simple grounders and fly balls that have resulted in runs for its opponents. Coach Grimes scheduled an all day work-out for Monday of this week and had a four hour practice on Tuesday before cutting the players loose for spring break, and maybe the long workouts will let the players know that all the positions are still open and that it will be the Tigers' gloves that can carry them to more wins and into the playoffs. There is still a lot of baseball ahead for the Tigers, and while all the games count, the big ones are still ahead.

*** The Elba junior varsity closed out its season with a 2-4 slate, and even though it was a losing season, the young Tigers got better each and every game they played and the experience of playing in high school games on high school fields should pay huge dividends on down the line. The JV program was badly needed to keep the younger players in the sport, and if the players now jump into Dixie Boys and Dixie Pre-Majors leagues, it will give them the chance to play baseball for three more months in the spring and summer. The junior varsity program at Elba High was needed, and hopefully it will continue for years to come to allow the younger players to get the chance to play, instead of sitting on the bench, or being cut from the varsity roster.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers took spring break with an 0-3 record, but have loads of games left on their schedule and should get in the win column very soon after their return to the field. The girls have had mixed emotions about the switch to fast-pitch softball after years of playing slow-pitch. However, after practicing and playing the new sport for six weeks, the girls have now accepted the change and are beginning to play with the emotion needed to get better. Early on it was easy to just shrug off a loss and blame it on the switch, but now the competitive spirit has been renewed, and I look for the Lady Tigers to get more than share of wins as the season rolls along.

*** The Elba Lady Tiger junior varsity evened its record at 3-3 last week and it looks like the younger girls are already convinced the change was for the best. The JV's have pitchers that pitched last summer in the recreation leagues, and in the win over Luverne they combined for a one hitter and struck out nine batters in just five innings. The junior varsity program is the life blood for the varsity, and from the looks of things, the varsity definitely has help on the way.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs upped their record to 10-1 last week with four wins in the Arton Spring Break Baseball Tournament and appear to be one of the top 1A teams in the state. The Bulldogs have quality pitching, good hitting and play solid on defense, and that combination can certainly lead to wins. The 'Dogs have some big games ahead in the area against Pleasant Home. However, if Kinston can play its best, it looks like the Bulldogs should be able to win the area and make some noise in the playoffs.

*** The Zion Chapel Rebels went 2-2 in the Arton tournament to see their record dip to 6-3, but bounced back with a double-header sweep over Florala to move to 8-3, and it looks like the Rebels may be headed for one of their best seasons ever. The Rebels have a very young team. However, they have a team filled with talented baseball players that have played the sport since they were big enough to hold a bat, and the years of playing shows in their skills. The ZC junior varsity closed out its schedule with an 11-1 record, and the younger Rebels certainly had a season to brag about. This group of athletes lost only one game in football, and now lost only once in baseball. If the coaches can keep the players focused and not let their ego over-confident, better days could be ahead up at Zion Chapel.

I have watched very little of the NCAA tournament, but did watch Duke get beat by Indiana and then saw most of Indiana's win over Kent State. I still think Indiana is over-rated, but when the tournament starts the only thing that matters is which team is better for one game, and that is what makes March madness what it is. The Big 12 conference has made the most of the post-season party to lay its claim to being the top conference in the land, while the SEC laid an egg and made it clear that its billing as the nation's best was exaggerated. The SEC may be the best from top to bottom, but its best aren't as good as many thought.

*** Baseball, softball and basketball seasons will be shorter next school year after action was taken last week by the AHSAA Central Board of Control. The board studied the change for over a year before approving starting basketball practice on Oct. 21 next season, with the first game not allowed until Nov. 11. This past season the first game could be on Oct. 31. Teams will play the same number of games and the season will end with the Final Four beginning on Feb. 26, but the change was made to prevent the overlapping of sports. Baseball and softball practice was bumped back to Jan. 27, with games to begin on Feb. 17. The other big news to come out of the meeting was the change for 6A schools that moved basketball and baseball into the same region play as football. The change will result in more travel and more games against region foes during the regular season, and could also lead to the end of 6A teams being able to schedule games with smaller schools.

*** I pulled the stats for the Lindsey Wilson College basketball team off the internet last week and saw that Elba's Tim Ware did indeed have a big season in his first year at the NAIA school. Ware led the team in scoring with a 14.7 average and also led the team in three-pointers made (45) and three-point accuracy (40.5). Ware also blocked 34 shots during the season, and averaged 1.6 assists, 4.7 rebounds and .9 steals a game. Not a bad start to his college career.

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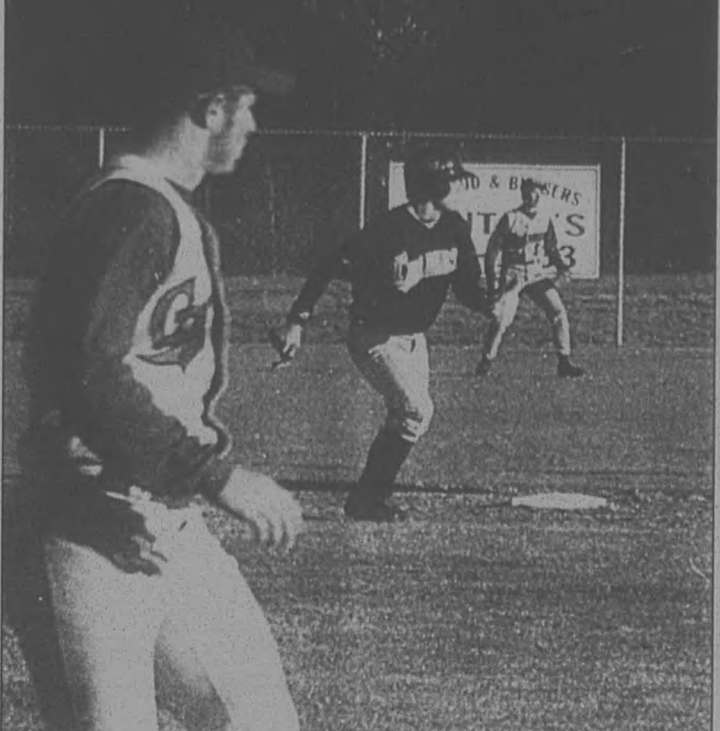
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Late rally falls short

Tigers outscored by Bobcats 10-9

The Elba Tigers staged a furious rally over the final two innings to erase a six-run deficit and pull even at 9-9, but then watched as Opp pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh as the Bobcats escaped with a wild 10-9 win, Thursday night in Opp.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-3, while the win improved Opp's record to 7-4. Elba went down in order in



An Elba Tiger base runner watches play at first base as he prepares to advance during a recent Elba win. The Tigers carried a 5-3 record into the spring break after losses last week to Straughn and Opp.

Elba falls to Straughn 9-2

The Elba Tigers saw their five-game winning streak snapped last Tuesday afternoon with a 9-2 loss to Straughn, in Elba.

The Tigers failed to advance a base runner past first in the opening, two innings as Straughn jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but did show signs of life in the bottom of the third and played a run to cut the deficit to 3-1.

A one-out double by Brandon Petty ignited the Tiger rally, while Kyle English added a solo walk and scored on an RBI single by Jason Curran.

Kyle English blasted a solo

the first inning, but the Tigers' bats came to life in the second and pounded out four hits as the Tigers jumped out to an early 3-0 advantage.

Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore had singles to open the inning for Elba, and when Rick Smith was hit by a pitch, the Tigers had the bases loaded with no outs. A walk to Derrick Thomas forced in Henderson to put the Tigers on

the scoreboard, while Matthew Curran singled in Moore, and Brandon Petty singled in Smith to put Elba on top 3-0 with the bases still loaded with only one out. The Tigers failed to do any more damage, however, and despite leaving the bases loaded, carried a 3-0 lead into the bottom of the frame.

The Bobcats combined three hits with two free passes and six Elba errors to move ahead 5-3 in the bottom of the second, then added two runs on three hits in the third to extend their lead to 7-3.

Opp's lead grew to 9-3 in the bottom of the fourth, and the Bobcats appeared headed for an easy win. However, the Tigers weren't about to go down without a fight, and played four runs in the top of the sixth to cut the Opp advantage to 9-7.

Back-to-back singles by Derrick Thomas and Richard Myers sparked the Tiger rally, while consecutive singles by Brandon Petty, Kyle English, Jason Curran, Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore resulted in four runs and put the

Tigers right back in the game.

A one-out walk to Richard Myers in the top of the seventh kept the Tigers' hopes alive for another rally, while a single by Matthew Curran put runners on first and second with only one out. Curran was picked off first for the second out. However, Brandon Petty came through with a two-out single to put runners on first and third, and Kyle English then lashed a double off the fence to drive in both runs and pull the Tigers even at 9-9.

Opp needed only two batters to claim the win in the bottom of the seventh, as a walk and a balk put the winning run on second, and the Bobcats then got the win on an Elba error.

Brandon Petty and Jason Curran both got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Kyle English, Marcus Henderson, Ralston Moore and Matthew Curran all added 2 hits. Rick Smith, Derrick Thomas and Richard Myers all added 1 hit.

Brandon Petty took the loss on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed 10 runs on 11 hits.

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resolution for their review that included Stephens' request and have it ready before the next meeting in two weeks.

Stephens said the petitions were ready and the drive for signatures would get underway immediately, and he felt confident the city council would agree that any revenue generated by this action would be earmarked for local education of Elba children and the fine Elba school system. He added that without this assurance, there was no incentive for his group to push the petition drive for a vote.

A date for any required election has not been set, but Mayor James Grimes said Monday that an opinion from the Secretary of State's office is that it should be a special election because of the added almost hopeless confusion of deciding who will be elected is not a voting resident of the city during a regular primary election, which is held by voting districts which vary from



Daniel Stephens

municipal voting districts.

In other business, the council voted to purchase a Baring mower at a cost of \$6,075. Grimes explained that the time and labor saved with this super wide, tracker pulled mower would make it worthwhile. He estimated that it would cut 75 percent of the time necessary to mow the grass at the local airport.

Council members voted for the proposal after being assured it would help in their goal to create all rights-of-way within the city on a regular basis. The mayor referred to the monthly financial statement and noted that both revenue and expenses were slightly above earlier expectations, but overall everything seemed to be going well. He reminded council members that the increased expenses were from paying off the bond issue early and buying two new police cars, one of which was not budgeted.

Grimes also reported the Downtown Redevelopment Authority is now officially incorporated. He also said Charter Communications has again contacted him with positive comments, promising an April start on upgrading the local cable TV system. While Grimes said he expects a clean and spirited campaign leading up to the general election in November.

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He said the "report card" system that began a few years ago and which grades each school system annually is a great idea and the effort needs to be broadened.

As a certified public accountant (CPA) and a small-business owner, White said he understands the challenges facing business people as well as obstacles to economic growth in Alabama, many of which have been perpetuated in the State Capitol.

"Bringing in new jobs and encouraging economic development throughout south-central and southeast Alabama is my special focus, and we must be committed to a regional approach," he said. "All of District 31 must work together for new hope and opportunities."

A county commission chairman since 1995, White said his experience in dealing with state government moved him to run for the Alabama Senate.

"I've had the privilege of serving seven years as chairman of the Covington County

Commission, a period in which we've faced the devastation of 1995's Hurricane Opal and two '100-year floods' in 1998. Yet, even in the face of these overwhelming disasters, we delivered essential services and never lost our vision for the future."

District 31 is currently represented by State Sen. Jimmy Holley of Elba, a Democrat. As the Republican Party nominee for the Senate seat in June, White said he expects a clean and spirited campaign leading up to the general election in November.

"I am committed to a campaign on the real issues facing not only the Wiregrass but all of Alabama," he said. "I have respect for Mr. Holley and I credit him with much success in the Senate. However, I believe there are changes on the political horizon in Montgomery, and the people of District 31 will be well-served to have a pro-family, pro-business, conservative Republican representing them, someone who will fight efforts to broaden gambling in Alabama and who is committed

Bob Riley to speak in Enterprise

The Republican Women of Coffee County invite the public to attend their regular monthly meeting. The featured speaker will be Alabama Congressman and gubernatorial candidate, Bob Riley. As a public service the RWCC will be set up to register voters at this meeting.

Anniversary for Soul Gospel Singers set for Sunday, April 7

26th Anniversary of the Soul Gospel Singers, Elba, Ala. will be held April 7, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at the Southeast District Singing Building in Elba, Ala. (County Rd 377). All groups, choirs and soloists are invited to attend.

Coffee County ADC to meet March 30

The Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet on Saturday, March 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church. All members and other interested persons are asked to attend.

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Although attempts were made, The Elba Clipper was unable to get a list from the

Republican Party by press time concerning those individuals who have already qualified.

Qualifying Deadline:
April 5, 2002

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struction of a new storage building for the county's maintenance department.

During the previous meeting of the commission, a motion was approved to accept an offer from the Corp of Engineers to purchase the building and property where the current storage building is located in Elba. That area has been earmarked in the reconstruction of the Elba levee, and the building will have to be removed. The commission voted to accept the money offered and build a new storage building on the county grounds in New Brockton.

However, Monday morning, Stephens told commissioners that he had conferred with county engineer Randy Tindell about the possibility of lifting the roof off the current building and placing it on top of a new building. Stephens said this could save the county approximately \$3,000.

Therefore, he made a motion to build the new storage building in front of the one in Elba and place the roof from the old building on top of the new building. His motion received a second from Commissioner Kayo Lewis.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he felt the reason the commission voted the way it did during the last meet-

ing was to get the building out of the flood area in Elba and also to have it more centrally located by being on the county grounds in New Brockton. The motion failed to pass with all commissioners voting against it except Stephens and Lewis.

Tindell reminded commissioners that their last chance had arrived to renew the waste collection contract with Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) for one more year on the current contract.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion with a second from Lewis to renew the contract for one more year.

"There is no way I can vote to extend his (Dunning's) contract," Dalrymple said. "The people I serve don't want to pay for service and not get it."

He said the commission had previously asked Dunning to come before the members and discuss the terms of the contract. Dalrymple said the commission begged Dunning to ensure that his company would follow the terms of the contract, and he laughed at the commission.

Therefore, Dalrymple said he would not be in favor of renewing the contract for another year. Grimsley said, at this point, he felt as if it would be cheaper on the citizens of Coffee County

to renew the contract for another year with MDI.

The motion passed with Dalrymple casting the lone opposing vote.

In other business, the commission:

* Awarded a bid for emergency warning sirens to McCord Communications for \$12,956. This was the only bid submitted, and Coffee County EMA director John Tallas said the specs met requirements. He also said he hopes to add five new sirens in the county with the first one to be placed near the New Hope Senior Citizen Center.

Approved the request of Tindell to allow him to purchase a 1/2 ton pickup truck from the state surplus lot in the amount of \$6,000 or \$7,000. Tindell said some of the vehicles in his department have over 100,000 miles and require more maintenance, which develops a need for a backup truck.

* Approved a motion to enter into a 3-year agreement with the current data processing technician, Gemini Consultants, for \$61,126.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, April 8, at 9 a.m. in the county complex in New Brockton.

Pink flamingos return for Relay for Life campaign at The Peoples Bank

The pink flamingos have returned, and they have asked The Peoples Bank to help fight cancer by raising money through donations from the people of Elba. Last year, The Peoples Bank raised over \$1,500 with this fundraiser and is hoping to raise even more this year.

Watch for the flamingos to appear the first week in April.

Annual AREA meeting set for April 3-4

An estimated 400 electric cooperative leaders and supporters from across Alabama are expected to attend the 55th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives April 3 and 4 at the Montgomery Civic Center and Embassy Suites.

The association's prestigious Eminent Service Award will be presented April 4 to U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, a long-time supporter of the electric cooperative program in Alabama and in the nation. The State Representative of the Year will be presented to Alabama Rep. W.F. "Frank" McDaniel of Elbertville and the State Senator of the Year will be presented to Alabama Sen. Jimmy W. Holley of Elba.



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LOCAL RESIDENT COMPLETES PROGRAM...Daniel Gullion, son of Ed and Peggy Gullion of Elba, recently graduated from the computer assisted instruction laboratory at Vivian B. Adams School in Ozark. The computer lab program is designed to aid the development of basic computer operations, word processing, use of the Internet, eye-hand coordination, planning, organization and entertainment through music and games.

Maddox siblings set to participate in Spring Sing at Harding

Anna C. Maddox and William J. Maddox, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maddox of Elba, will be part of the 29th annual Spring Sing gala at Harding University March 28-30.

The all-student revue, featuring 750 student performers, is an event of the annual Youth Forum, when more than 2,000 teenagers from across the nation gather on the Searcy campus for a full schedule of activities. About 12,000 guests attend the tour Spring Sing productions in Benson Auditorium.

The theme of this year's production is "Route 66, Journeys, Across America." The show will highlight the history of the automobile, Route 66, the changes and challenges the nation has faced, the diversity of American and that which unites the people.

Spring Sing was started in 1974 by students as a small-scale musical showcase for campus guests. The shows are judged for originality, costume, choreography and music, and cash awards and plaques are presented following Saturday night's show.

Jack Fun Fest set for April 6

Jack in a Box Daycare & Learning Center will be sponsoring the annual "Jack Fun Fest" on Sunday, April 6, 2002.

The "Fun Fest" will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Among the activities to be held at the "Fun Fest" include a "moon-walk", go fish, bean bag toss, cake walk, basketball throw, balloon burst, toy walk, duck pond, hay ride and clowns, just to name a few. Great merchandise from several area businesses has been donated as prizes. The "Fun Fest" is open to the public.

All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Jack in a Box Daycare & Learning Center is located at 1430 County Road 208, Jack, Ala.

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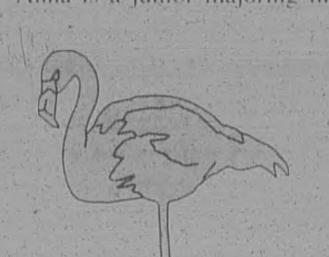
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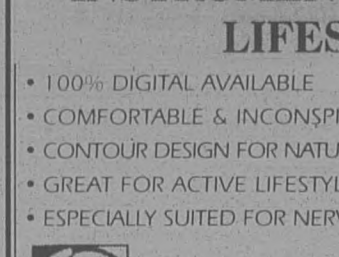
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Commission using Internet to auction surplus equipment

The Coffee County Commission recently decided to try something new when selling its used equipment. For years, Coffee County has sold its surplus equipment through traditional public auctions held in New Brockton or the equipment was taken to auctions in Headland, Montgomery and even Charlotte, NC.

The Commission will be selling its current surplus equipment utilizing a specialized Internet auction site, GovDeals (www.govdeals.com), headquartered in Montgomery, provides online auction services for government surplus, confiscated and abandoned property for clients in nine states. Active Buyers are registered from virtually every state in the USA and 26 foreign countries. The Association of County Commissioners (ACCA) and the Alabama League of Municipalities have endorsed GovDeals' services for their members based upon the efficiency of the service.

The items being sold by Coffee County include two front-end loaders, three automobiles, one knuckleboom loader truck, and more. A complete list

of these items, along with pictures and descriptions of the items, can be found on the Internet at www.govdeals.com.

To bid, individuals should go to the Internet site www.govdeals.com and click on "Register to Bid." Then, easy to follow instructions with numbered steps will guide the way, and soon the individual is ready to bid.

A computer and Internet access must be available to bid," said Roger L. Allen, GovDeals chairman and CEO. "Most public libraries have computers that are available for the public to use, and we have live, personal assistance available for anyone with questions at our Help Desk (800) 613-0156."

"In addition, the Coffee County Commission will have a computer available should anyone want to come by the Commission Office in New Brockton and place their bids there," said Wilson Mobley, county administrator.

For more information about this Internet site or the equipment being sold, call the Coffee County Commission Office at (334) 894-5556.

Pioneer Music Day planned for April 6 at museum in Troy

Pioneer Music Day will be held Saturday, April 6th at the Pike Museum of Alabama in the Reunion Cabin (located 248 U.S. Highway 231 N. Troy, Ala.) at 10:00 a.m. and will continue all day long. Country, Western, Blue Grass, Gospel and more will be played.

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